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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KAUNDA DEFENDS POLICY ON ANGOLA, RHODESIA

1. SUMMARY: IN SPEECHES TO PARTY YOUTH RALLIES ON JANUARY 25, PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER FRANK CHITAMBALA DEFENDED ZAMBIA'S POSITIONS ON ANGOLA AND RHODESIA WITH KAUNDA TAKING A SWIPE AT THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS. THE RALLIES WERE CALLED TO DEMONSTRATE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT AT A TIME WHEN HIS SOUTHERN AFRICA POLICIES HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO CRITICISM NOT ONLY FROM PRO-MPLA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (LUSAKA 0105) BUT ALSO FROM SOME RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO HAVE RECENTLY QUESTIONED WHY ZAMBIA
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SHOULD NOT REOPEN ITS BORDER WITH RHODESIA AND NORMALIZE TRADE

RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA TO HELP EASE CURRENT SHORTAGES
AND HIGH PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PETITION PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT BY SOME 800 SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LUSAKA, PARTY YOUTH ENDORSED GOVERNMENT'S
ANGOLAN POLICY AND CALLED FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS
FROM THAT COUNTRY. PLACARDS ALSO ATTACKED ROBERT MUGABE, RHODES-
IAN ANC LEADER WHO RECENTLY ATTACKED KAUNDA IN LONDON PRESS FOR
HIS CONTINUED DETENTION OF FORMER ZANU CADRES IMPLICATED IN LAST
MARCH'S ASSASSINATION OF ANC LEADER HERBERT CHITEPO AND OTHER
RIVAL ZANU PERSONNEL.

3. PRINCIPAL POINTS IN PRESIDENT'S REMARKS INCLUDED FOLLOWING:

A. THERE IS NO GOING BACK ON ZAMBIA'S SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA. CHOICE OF GOVERNMENT IS FOR ANGOLANS
THEMSELVES TO DECIDE, NOT ZAMBIA, NOT US OR USSR. EVEN IF MPLA
WERE ABLE, BECAUSE OF AID OF A SUPERPOWER, TO CRUSH ITS TWO
OPPONENTS, THIS WOULD NOT MAKE IT A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.
CONVERSE IS TRUE WERE UNITA AND FNLA TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS OVER
MPLA BECAUSE OF OUTSIDE HELP.

B. RUSSIAN NATIONAL BASED IN LUSAKA HAD RECENTLY TOLD A ZAMBIAN
THAT ZAMBIA WOULD HAVE ONLY ITSELF TO BLAME IF MPLA CLOSED LOBITO
ROUTE TO ZAMBIA FOR FAILING TO RECOGNIZE LUANDA GOVERNMENT.
EXPRESSING HIS SHOCK AT THIS SOVIET "CHEEK," PRESIDENT DECLARED
ZAMBIA WILL NOT BE "A PUPPET TO THE MPLA AND WOULD NOT BE COWED
INTO DOING WRONG THINGS BECAUSE OF ROUTES."

C. KAUNDA CONTINUES HAVE GREAT RESPECT AND LOVE FOR FIDEL CASTRO
AS GREAT REVOLUTIONARY LEADER. CUBAN DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA
AT BEHEST OF SOVIETS IS REGRETTABLE, KAUNDA SAID, BECAUSE THEIR
ROLE THERE IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF SOVIETS. HE IMPLIED SOVIETS
HAVE MISLED CUBANS INTO ACTING AS CANNON FODDER AND INTO DOING
THEIR DIRTY WORK OF KILLING AFRICANS.

D. ZAMBIA HAS NO INTENTION OF REOPENING BORDER WITH RHODESIA UNTIL
THAT COUNTRY HAS ATTAINED MAJORITY RULE. MP'S URGING ITS REOPENING
ARE THEREFORE OUT OF LINE.

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E. ZAMBIA NEEDS NO LESSONS IN PRINCIPLES FROM IMPUDENT PEOPLE
(I.E., MUGABE) WHO HAVE BEEN "SLUMBERING, WINING, AND DINING" IN
FOREIGN CAPITALS WHILE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE HAVE DIED FOR THEIR FREEDOM.

F. PARTY MILITANTS AND TRADE UNION LEADERS SHOULD BE ON LOOKOUT
FOR COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES WHO ARE DELIBERATELY CAUSING SHORTAGES
OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES TO MAKE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT UNPOPULAR.
MANAGING DIRECTORS AND GENERAL MANAGERS OF COMPANIES RESPONSIBLE

FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES WILL BE FLUSHED OUT AND PUNISHED.

4. CHITAMBALA TO SIMILAR YOUTH RALLY IN NDOLA FOLLOWED SIMILAR LINES ALTHOUGH CHITAMBALA (WHO REGARDED AS SOMETHING OF A LEFTIST AMONG CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS) CAME DOWN HARDER THAN DID PRESIDENT ON "PARLIAMENTARY AGITATORS" AND "HALF-THINKING REACTIONARIES" WHO WOULD REVERSE ZAMBIA'S STAND ON DEALINGS WITH RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. CHITAMBALA ALSO CALLED UPON UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA COUNCIL TO CHECK UP ON AND WEED OUT "MISLED MARXIST LECTURERS" WHO ARE BENT ON CONFUSING ZAMBIAN STUDENTS AT THE CAMPUS.

5. COMMENT: INTERESTING POINT IN PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WAS HIS ATTEMPT DISTINGUISH MOTIVATION AND ROLE OF CUBANS FROM THAT OF SOVIETS IN ANGOLA. SUGGESTION THAT CUBANS ARE ONLY PAWNS IN SUPERPOWER CHESS GAME BEING MANIPULATED BY SOVIETS FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH ENDS MAY REFLECT LINGERING KAUNDA HOPE THAT SOMEHOW CUBANS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THEIR SENSES AND BE INDUCED TO PULL OUT OF ANGOLA. THIS MAY BE FURTHER EXAMPLE OF "SOFT" APPROACH WHICH ZAMBIA, TELL US THEY USED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH VISITING CUBAN DELEGATION TEN DAYS AGO (LUSAKA 0099). AT SAME TIME PUBLIC AIRING OF IMPUTED SOVIET THREAT TO ZAMBIA AND IDENTIFICATION OF "MARXIST LECTURERS" AT UNZA AS RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE MANIFESTATIONS OF GROWING ZAMBIAN IRRITATION WITH SOVIET BULLYING TACTICS (FONMIN BANDA CITED ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THESE TO US THE OTHER NIGHT) AND CLEAR WARNING TO SOVIETS AND OTHER FOREIGN LEFTISTS THAT KAUNDA WILL NOT TOLERATE ATTEMPTED SUBVERSION. WHILE PARTY-ORGANIZED RALLIES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN HARDLY REPRESENT IMPRESSIVE EVIDENCE OF POPULAR SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT POLICIES, EPISODE DOES SHOW THAT ZAMBIAN LEADERSHIP IS SENSITIVE TO CRITICISMS FROM BOTH LEFT AND RIGHT ABOUT ITS SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICIES AND IS PREPARED TO DEFEND THEM VIGOROUSLY, IN PUBLIC, AND AGAINST ALL COMERS.
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